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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Figure 3. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

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Remarks/Arguments:

Figure 3 has been amended to include multiple output ports 308, 309 and to indicate more clearly the signals having different formats outputted from video decoder and display processor 322. Basis may be found in the original specification, for example, at paragraph [0044].

The specification has been amended at paragraph [0044] to provide a numerical reference for the multiple output ports.

Claims 1- 15 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1 and 3-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by CaptionMaker User's Guide (CaptionMaker). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection.

With regard to claim 1, CaptionMaker does not disclose or suggest,

...combining the further signal with the video signal in a first format to provide a first output video signal and for combining the further signal with the video signal in a second format to provide a second output video signal;

a first output port for providing the first output video signal;

a second output port for providing the second output video signal, wherein the second output video signal is selected from a group consisting of a component video signal, an RGB video signal, an S-video signal, a composite video signal and a modulated composite video signal...

Basis for this amendment may be found, for example, at paragraph [0044] and Fig. 3.

CaptionMaker includes an Encoder/Decoder. (Figure at page 6). The video signal is output to a recording device (Record VCR/VTR), separate from the Encoder/Decoder. The Encoder/Decoder includes only one output port (Video out). Thus, a single video signal is output from the Encoder/Decoder. Further, the single video signal is output in one format to the recording device. Thus, CaptionMaker only provides an encoded video signal in a single format. Further, CaptionMaker only provides an encoded video signal that can be recorded.

In contrast, the set-top box of Applicant's exemplary embodiment includes multiple output ports. Further, each output port may provide an output signal in a different format. For example, one output port may provide a first output video signal to a recording device. Another distinct output port may provide a second output video signal directly to a monitor or television screen. The second output video signal may be selected from a group consisting of a component video signal, an RGB video signal, an S-video signal, a composite video signal and a modulated composite video signal. (Para. [0044]). If an RGB output port is included, and a closed-caption signal is to be transmitted from the set top box 306, the closed-caption signal may be included on each component of the RGB video signal, or solely on the green component of the RGB video signal. Thus, the video decoder and display processor 322 may provide a first output video signal in a first format (closed-caption signal is included on each component of the RGB video signal) and a second output video signal in a second format (closed-caption signal is included solely on the green component of the RGB video signal).

Because CaptionMaker does not disclose or suggest the features of claim 1, claim 1 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of CaptionMaker. Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 3 and 4 are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of CaptionMaker.

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Claims 5, 9, 13 and 15, while not identical to claim 1, include features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claims 5, 9, 13 and 15 are also not subject to rejection for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 5. Claims 10-12 depend from claim 9. Accordingly, claims 7-8 and 10-12 are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of CaptionMaker.

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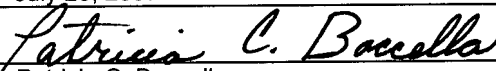
Attachment: Figure 3 (1 replacement sheet)

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